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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received an International Search Report for PCT/US00/21187, the international counterpart of the present application. The Search Report and the documents cited therein are listed in the attached form PTO 1449. Copies of the same are also attached.

It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom. Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, plus the return of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initial in the left-hand column (per MPEP 609), are earnestly solicited.

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